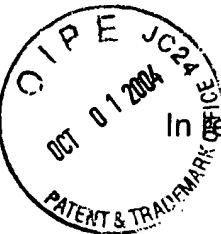


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Response to Office Action Mailed July 28, 2004
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2. With respect to additional fees:  
  
☒ A. No additional fee is required.  
  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION  
MAILED JULY 28, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action, mailed July 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks. Remarks begin at page 5 of this response.

### **Status of the Claims in the application**

Claims 1 and 13 as herein amended, and claims 2-4, 6-7, 14-16, 18-19, 25-26, 28-31, and 33-35 are pending in the application. The amendments are supported throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and thus do not constitute new matter. The grounds of rejection asserted in the Official Action have been overcome by amendment or traversed by argument below.